

REMARKS

With respect to the response to the arguments, it should be noted that, while an obviousness argument is set forth, the pending rejection is based on Section 102. Plainly, the Section 102 rejection is incorrect.

It is respectfully submitted that an obviousness rejection with no showing of all of the elements from within the prior art also fails to make out a *prima facie* rejection. In particular, a rejection based on hindsight reconstruction is plainly improper. To the extent that the rejection is based on something being well known in the art, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite a reference in support thereof.

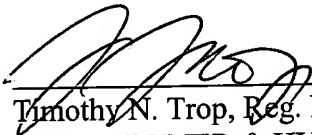
Finally, the argument that something can be in contact with something else through an intervening element simply makes no sense. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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